

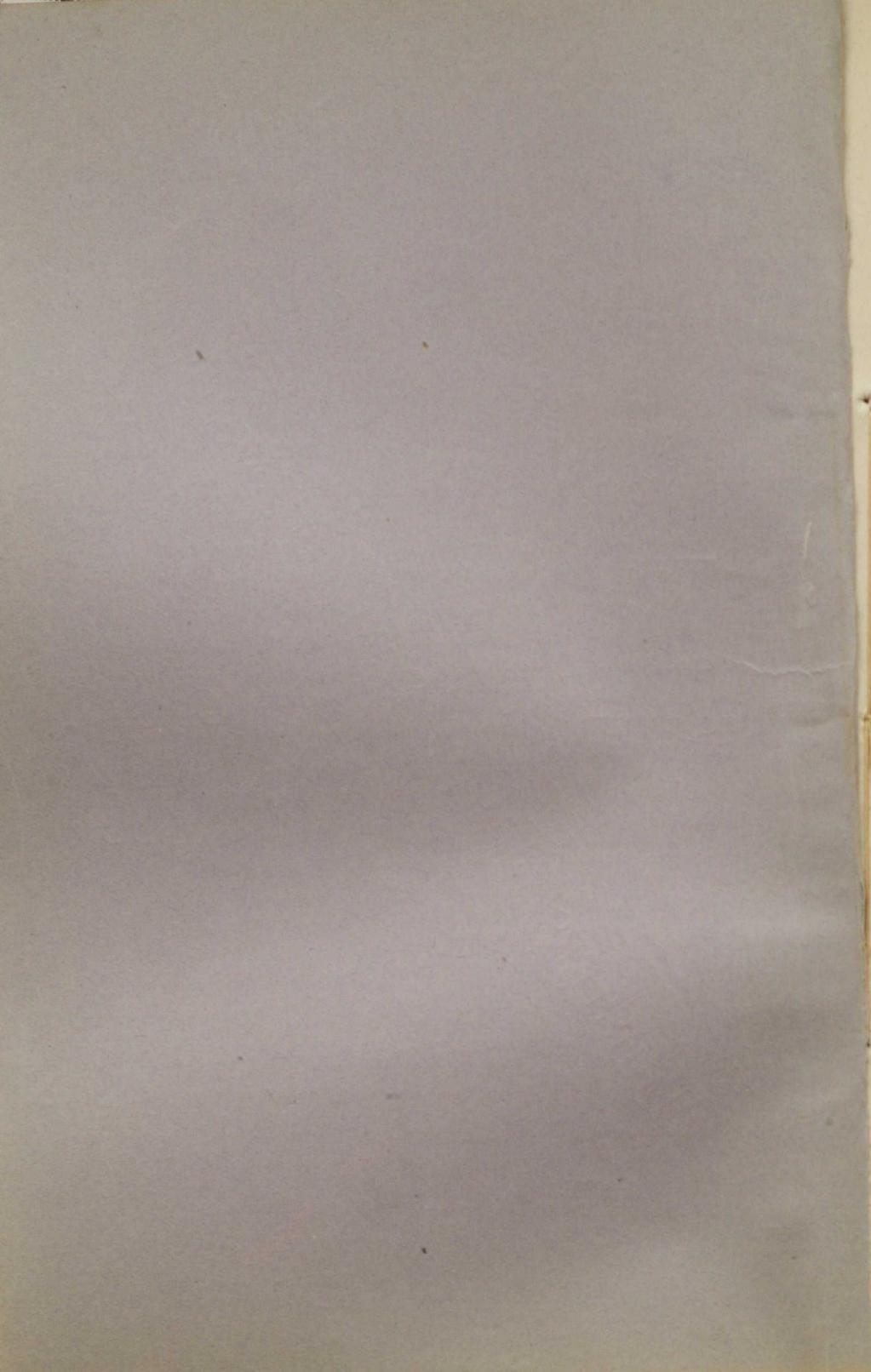
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TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

REPORT

1880.



TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES
OF THE
PEABODY INSTITUTE,

PEABODY, MASS.

PEABODY:

PRINTED AT THE PRESS OFFICE, DUSTIN BUILDING.
1880.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 15th, 1880, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

The Trustees of the Peabody Institute herewith present to the Town their Twenty-Eighth Annual Report together with the reports of the Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and of the various Sub-Committees. These reports are very full and complete, and but little in addition can be said concerning the general condition of the Institute.

The Reserved Fund (\$20,000) set apart in 1870, for accumulation, now amounts to \$32,978.86. The income from the General Fund, exclusive of the Institute building, Land, Library, etc., is amply sufficient to meet all the present wants of the Institute, and the Trustees are more than ever confirmed in the opinion that the Reserved Fund should be permitted to accumulate until it amounts to a large sum, when it will probably be needed to the erection of a larger building, unless some mis-

fortune in the meantime should happen to the present building or the Library.

The income of the Eben Dale Sutton Library Fund is being judiciously expended in standard works, and Mrs. Sutton still manifests her continued interest in this Library by frequent rare and costly gifts. During the past year the Library has been consulted by many non-residents, and has also been used to a great extent by our own towns-people.

The invested funds and real estate of the Peabody Institute amount to \$174,218.86—the Institute building and land, together with Library, Portraits, etc., not being appraised. This is an increase of \$3,064.31 over the previous year. The estimated cost of the books in the Library is about \$60,000. The earnings of the Reserved Fund the past fiscal year were \$1,575.00. The income of the General Fund was \$7,661.50,—the previous year \$7,665.22. The running expenses the past fiscal year were \$6,304.64,—the previous year \$6,902.17; showing a decrease in expenditures of \$597.53, and the Treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee has in his hands a balance of \$543.98 of the \$4500 appropriated to the use of the Committee by the Trustees.

The Trustees have voted to accept the custody of the Gold Medal and Diploma awarded to the Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund, at the Paris Exposition of

1878, "and will carefully treasure and hold the same subject to the order of said Educational Fund Trustees."

The reports of the Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and of the Sub-Committees, clearly indicate that the Peabody Institute is in an admirable condition, and the Trustees again congratulate the citizens of Peabody upon the growing prosperity of their cherished institution.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES D. HOWARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Treasurer hereby presents to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the seven following accounts and statements of the financial affairs of the Institute for the year ending February, 1880.

- No. 1. The General Current Account.
- No. 2. The Reserved Fund Account.
- No. 3. The Reserved Fund Statement.
- No. 4. The Sutton Reference Library Account.
- No. 5. The Peabody High School Medal Fund Account.
- No. 6. The Real Estate and Invested Fund Statement.
- No. 7. Schedule of Insurance on Property of the Institute.

GENERAL CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.

1879.

| | Dr. |
|---|---------|
| Feb. 27, To paid E. Upton, for tuning piano | \$5 00 |
| April 1, " Gas bill | 64 41 |
| 2, " Library and Lyceum Com., draft | 1500 00 |
| 4, " Janitor's bill, salary | 175 00 |
| 21, " Peabody Press, bill printing | 6 00 |

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|-------|-----|---|--------------------------------------|----------|
| June | 7, | " | Bill of Matting | 101 26 |
| July | 1, | " | Gas bill | 35 34 |
| | 2, | " | Aqueduct bill | 18 00 |
| | 7, | " | Janitor, for salary | 175 00 |
| | 8, | " | Boston and Maine R. R., bond . | 1,201 36 |
| | 8, | " | Exchange of bonds | 3 34 |
| | 17, | " | Samuel Trask's bill | 19 52 |
| | 19, | " | Repairing piano | 90 00 |
| | 22, | " | Batchelder & Co., for coal | 95 00 |
| Aug. | 18, | " | Wm. F. Pingree's bill | 2 00 |
| | 19, | " | Library and Lyceum Com., draft | 1,500 00 |
| | 23, | " | John H. Teague's bill | 17 10 |
| Sept. | 11, | " | For renewal of policy | 1 00 |
| | 27, | " | J. O. Whitten's bill | 111 18 |
| Oct. | 1, | " | Gas bill | 32 67 |
| | 7, | " | For charcoal | 11 25 |
| | 7, | " | For bark | 3 50 |
| | 7, | " | Janitor, for quarter's salary . . . | 175 00 |
| | 27, | " | For watering streets | 25 00 |
| Nov. | 10, | " | Samuel Trask's bill | 40 03 |
| Dec. | 4, | " | Acqueduct bill | 18 00 |
| | 6, | " | Library and Lyceum Com., draft | 1,500 00 |

1880.

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| Jan. | 1, | " | Gas bill | 81 00 |
| | 5, | " | Janitor, for quarter's salary . . . | 175 00 |
| | 6, | " | 2 City of Cambridge Bonds . . . | 2,326 67 |
| | 6, | " | Caskin's bill | 10 00 |
| | 15, | " | Edward Giddings' bill | 16 69 |
| | 21, | " | Edward D. Trask's bill | 6 10 |
| | 21, | " | Goldthwait & Bixby's bill | 36 52 |
| | 30, | " | M. S. Clark's bill | 8 07 |
| Feb. | 23. | " | G. A. Osborne, for year's services | 250 00 |
| | | | Balance | 1,798 58 |
| | | | | ----- |
| | | | | \$11,634 59 |

1879.

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|-------|-----|--|------------|
| Feb. | 24, | By Balance | Cr. |
| | | | \$1,973 09 |
| April | 4, | " 6 month's interest on Town notes . . . | 2,362 50 |
| | 21, | " Coupons on City of Boston and City | |
| | | of Lawrence Bonds | 115 00 |
| July | 7, | " City of Boston Coupons | 60 00 |
| | 7, | " Interest on Mass., 5 per cent. bonds | 700 00 |

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|-------|-----|---|------------|
| 7, | " | Interest on City of Providence bonds | 25 00 |
| 7, | " | Rents for quarter ending April 1 . . . | 237 50 |
| 7, | " | Use of Institute hall | 37 00 |
| Oct. | 7, | " Rents for quarter ending July 1 . . . | 237 50 |
| | 7, | " Use of Institute hall | 28 50 |
| | 7, | " 6 month's interest on Town notes . . . | 2,362 50 |
| | 13, | " Coupons on City of Boston and City of Lawrence Bonds | 115 00 |
| 1880. | | | |
| Jan. | 2, | " Interest on Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds | 700 00 |
| | 2, | " Boston and Maine Railroad Coupon . | 35 00 |
| | 2, | " City of Boston, Bond No. 652 | 1,000 00 |
| | | Coupon on same | 30 00 |
| | 2, | " City of Boston, Bond No. 10276 . . . | 1,000 00 |
| | | Coupon on same | 30 00 |
| | 7, | " Interest on Providence Bond | 25 00 |
| | 31, | " Rents for quarter ending Oct. 1 . . . | 237 50 |
| | 31, | " Received for use of hall | 86 00 |
| | 31, | " Rents for quarter ending Jan. 1 . . . | 237 50 |
| | | | 811,634 59 |
| Feb. | | By Balance | 81,798 58 |

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT.

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|---|------------|
| Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas. | |
| 1880. | Dr. |
| Jan. 6. To paid for one City of Providence Bond at | |
| 108½ | \$1,085 00 |
| 5 days interest | 69 |
| Balance | 543 86 |
| | 81,629 55 |

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| 1879. | | Cr. |
| Feb. 24, By Balance | | 854 55 |
| April 21, " 1 United States Coupon | | 10 00 |
| 21, " 1 City of Lawrence Coupon | | 30 00 |
| 21, " 1 City of Boston Coupon | | 25 00 |
| May 8, " 1 City of Fall River Coupon | | 30 00 |
| July 7, " 6 months interest on \$20,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds | | 500 00 |
| 7, " 1 United States Coupon | | 10 00 |
| 7, " 1 City of Taunton Coupon | | 15 00 |

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| 7, " 1 City of Providence Coupon | 25 00 |
| 7, " 1 Boston and Albany R. R. Coupon | 30 00 |
| 7, " Interest on City of Providence Bond | 25 00 |
| 9, " Rent for quarter ending April 1 | 43 75 |
| Oct. 7, " Rent for quarter ending July 1 | 43 75 |
| 13, " United States Coupon | 10 00 |
| 13, " City of Lawrence Coupon | 30 00 |
| 13, " City of Boston Coupon | 25 00 |

1880.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Jan. 2, " 6 months interest on \$20,000 Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds | 500 00 |
| 2, " 1 United States Coupon | 10 00 |
| 2, " 1 City of Providence Coupon | 25 00 |
| 2, " 1 Boston and Albany R. R. Coupon | 30 00 |
| 2, " 1 City of Taunton Coupon | 15 00 |
| 2, " 1 City of Fall River Coupon | 30 00 |
| 7, " Interest on City of Providence Bond | 25 00 |
| 31, " Rent for quarter ending October 1 | 43 75 |
| 31, " Rent for quarter ending Jan. 1 | 43 75 |

\$1,629 55

Feb. 23, By Balance \$543 86

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

RESERVED FUND STATEMENT.

Fund first set apart for accumulation, consisting of 4

Certificates of \$5000 each of Massachusetts 5
per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds \$20,000 00

Accumulations of same and investments as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Hammond House on Wallis Street | \$3,550 00 |
| 1 City of Lawrence Bond | 940 00 |
| 1 City of Fall River Bond | 990 00 |
| 1 City of Providence Bond | 1,050 00 |
| 1 City of Boston Bond | 1,125 00 |
| 1 City of Taunton Bond | 555 00 |
| 1 Boston and Albany R. R. Bond | 1,065 00 |
| 1 City of Providence Bond | 1,075 00 |
| 1 U. S. 4 per cent. Bond | 1,000 00 |
| 1 City of Providence Bond | 1,085 00 |
| Cash on hand | 543 86--12,978 86 |

\$32,978 86

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND

ENDOWED BY MRS. ELIZA SUTTON, OCT. 15, 1866.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.

1879.

| | | |
|-------|---|------------|
| April | 8, To paid F. C. Merrill, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, the April interest on this Fund | Dr. |
| Oct. | 8, To paid F. C. Merrill, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee the October interest on this Fund | 500 00 |
| | | 8500 00 |
| | | 500 00 |
| | | _____ |
| | | \$1,000 00 |

1879.

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|-------|--|------------|
| April | 8, By 6 months' interest to April 1st, on \$20,- 000, City of Boston 5 per cent. Bonds | Cr. |
| Oct. | 3, By 6 months' interest to October 1st, on \$20,000 City of Boston 5 per cent. Bonds | 8500 00 |
| | | 500 00 |
| | | _____ |
| | | \$1,000 00 |

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George A. Osborne, Treas.
1879.

Nov. By 6 months' interest on the Fund Cr.

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

INVESTED FUNDS AND REAL ESTATE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE

Four Certificates of \$5000 each of Massachusetts

Registered Bonds, No. 83 to 86 inclusive . \$20,000 00

Four Certificates of the same as follows :

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| No. 106 | \$1,000 00 |
| " 107 | 1,000 00 |
| " 108 | 1,000 00 |
| " 112 | 5,000 00 |
| | _____ |
| | 8,000 00 |

Three Shares in Warren National Bank

300 00

Two Town of Peabody Notes dated October 6,
1874, payable in six years from date with
interest at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. annually

| | |
|---|--------------|
| One Note for | 62,000 00 |
| " " " " " | 8,000 00 |
| | 70,000 00 |
| Two Dwelling Houses, one of brick on the easterly side, the other of wood on the westerly side of the land on which the Institute building is located | 12,000 00 |
| The Peabody Institute building and land, together with Library, Portraits and Cabinet of Valuables, not being apprized. | |
| One City of Lawrence Bond, No. 100 | 940 00 |
| One Certificate of Registered Bond of City of Providence, No. 163 | 1,050 00 |
| One City of Boston 5 per cent Bond, No. 1118 | 1,125 00 |
| Two " " 6 per cent. Bonds No 200 & 201 | 2,300 00 |
| One Boston & Maine R. R. Bond, No. 1226 | 1,200 00 |
| One City of Cambridge Bond, No. 83 | 1,162 50 |
| " " " " " No. 84 | 1,162 50 |
| Reserved Fund Property as follows: | |
| Four Certificates, No. 79 to 82 inclusive, of Mass 5 per cent. Gold Bonds of \$5000 each | 20,000 00 |
| Hammond House on Wallis Street | 3,550 00 |
| One City of Lawrence Bond | 940 00 |
| One City of Fall River " | 990 00 |
| One City of Providence " | 1,050 00 |
| One City of Boston " | 1,125 00 |
| One City of Taunton " | 555 00 |
| One Boston & Albany R. R. Bond | 1,065 00 |
| One City of Providence Bond | 1,075 00 |
| One U. S. 4 per cent. Bond | 1,000 00 |
| One City of Providence Bond | 1,085 00 |
| Cash on hand | 543 86 |
| | 32,978 86 |
| High School Medal Fund, consisting of two Province of Quebec Gold Bearing Bonds | 2,000 00 |
| Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library Fund, consisting of City of Boston 5 per cent. Gold Bearing Bonds | 20,000 00 |
| | \$174,218 86 |

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

INSURANCE ON PEABODY INSTITUTE PROPERTY, FEBRUARY, 1880.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| On Peabody Institute Building | 25,000 00 |
| On two Dwelling Houses | 5,000 00 |
| On Peabody Institute Library | 9,500 00 |

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| On Peabody Portrait | 1,000 00 |
| On Everett Portrait | 150 00 |
| On Peabody Bust | 400 00 |
| On Piano and Furniture | 300 00 |

SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| On Book Cases and Furniture | \$5,000 00 |
| On Books | 2,000 00 |
| | — — — |

7,000 00

RESERVED FUND PROPERTY.

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| On Hammond House | 1,000 00 |
| | — — — |

\$49,350 00

The following are the policies insuring the above property and time of expiration:

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| South Danvers Mutual expires June 1, 1884 . . . | \$2,000 00 |
| " " " " June 1, 1884 . . . | 3,000 00 |
| " " " " Aug. 1, 1886 . . . | 550 00 |
| " " " " Mar. 1, 1881 . . . | 450 00 |
| " " " " July 1, 1882 . . . | 5,000 00 |
| Essex Mutual Salem " July 1, 1882 . . . | 5,000 00 |
| Salem Mutual Salem " May 1, 1880 . . . | 3,000 00 |
| Merchants' and Farmers' Mutual, Worcester, Mass., expires May 1, 1880 | 4,000 00 |
| Liverpool & London & Globe expires Nov. 18, 1880 | 14,000 00 |
| London Assurance Corpora'n expires Nov. 19, 1880 | 12,350 00 |
| | — — — |

\$49,350 00

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

Correct—Attest:

J. E. T. BARTLETT,
WARREN SHAW,
ALEX. B. MERRILL,
A. A. MESSEY,

Financial Committee.

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

To THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:—

The annual report of the Lyceum and Library Committee covering the year to February 1880, is contained in the following pages, submitted with the reports of the Treasurer, Sub-Committees and Librarian.

These documents are not always essays, nor need they be such, but however abbreviated in form, they generally hint at the prominent points in the current life of our institution, and a careful examination of them will suggest the topics upon which we should dwell, as we proceed to put on record a new chapter of our history.

The points to which we wish first to call your attention are contained somewhat in detail in the very interesting report of the Chairman of the Peabody Library Committee. The Library in some departments is gradually out-growing its accommodations, and in one or two directions more shelf room is already needed. It is thought that this want can be conveniently supplied on a plan similar to what has been pursued for several years past. The end to be aimed at is to secure the additional shelf room for the Library without sacrificing that classified arrangement of books by topics, which is so essential to its symmetry, and so conducive to its usefulness, as never to be lost sight of.

In the report already referred to, the question is started,

whether in the appointments of the Peabody Library we are keeping abreast in all respects with the best methods which skill and experience elsewhere have tried and approved. It cannot be doubted that the importance of the best periodical publications, as a part of current literature, has not been over-stated; and, as far as our observation goes, it is equally true that our own large list of periodicals are not so accessible to our reading public as they ought to be. As a remedy for this evil, the subject of providing a reading room is again brought forward for consideration. We do not forget the difficulties both local and pecuniary which surround this subject, not now for the first time urged upon your attention in our reports, but leave it to your wisdom to discover and adopt whatever may be feasible and desirable.

There is one other subject demanding, as we believe, immediate attention, and of over-shadowing importance in some respects, that of adequate insurance of the Peabody Library. The growth of the Library, although at present large, is still so gradual that we need to have the facts and figures presented directly, to realize the immense amount of capital locked up in our books alone. So much a matter of course have the privileges we enjoy become, that we doubt if we have, at least, ever present an adequate sense of the loss to us and to those who will come after us, should a conflagration sweep away the Peabody Institute and its contents. That the wisest precautions and the most watchful care cannot render this impossible, the experience of every week attests. Many years would be required to make even partial reparation of the loss without a large insurance fund to fall back upon. We trust we have said enough to induce your Board to examine this matter and apply the remedy, if one is needed.

To speak of the possible loss of the Peabody Library, and of the calamity of such an event, leads us to indulge in a few sober reflections upon its value, and the privileges the youth of

Peabody enjoy above those of less favored localities. In New England the means of acquiring the rudiments of education is practically open to all alike, but once past the period of school days, and those opportunities cease for the average boy even in favored New England. The question of a livelihood and the necessary absorption of any little capital in meeting the demands of business, generally preclude the idea of indulgence in books in any form, until age has fixed the habits and set a seal upon the capacity for further intellectual acquirements. But the youth of Peabody need not consider his education thus abruptly brought to a close. Granted fair natural endowments, diligent habits, and a certain amount of enthusiasm, and by the aid of our noble Library, he may go on without limit for a life-time, and if he does not succeed in arriving at eminence in some department of human knowledge, so as in turn to become an instructor of others, he may at least throw off the shackles that ignorance imposes; he may become able to think for himself upon the great topics of human thought and study, learn to detect empiricism and sophistry, and appreciate and embrace that which is wise and good. In short the Peabody Institute will thus most happily and, we believe, most exactly and completely realize the plans and aspirations of its wise and noble founder in the cause of education and morality.

We love to consider the Sutton Library as the complement of its predecessor, filling up and giving completeness to a noble design. Every year attests the wisdom of the foundation of the latter Library both in the scope and the details of its general plan. That, besides the benefits conferred upon our own citizens, it should at some time become of value to students and scholars from our neighborhood, was to have been expected, and we are able to say has already been realized. To be more explicit, a learned scholar engaged in revising for publication an important work, a new Greek Lexicon of the New Testament, and residing in a neighboring city, has found

here the means of pursuing his labors, which was indispensable to their prosecution.

With these few remarks, and acknowledging in general terms the faithful services rendered by the officials of the Institute, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

Report of Peabody Library Committee.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

The Sub-Committee on the Peabody Library submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1880:

The number of borrowers from the Library has been increased by the issue of 228 new cards during the past year, making a total of 4272 names upon the index at the present time. It seems desirable that some systematic plan should be adopted and carried out for ascertaining whether all the cards in use actually represent persons now living in the town who are intitled to the use of the Library. We believe that no such enquiry has been made since its foundation. The Librarian and his assistants make such corrections, occasioned by death or removal, as come to their knowledge, but they have no means of imformation in many cases beyond common report. It is not believed that the privileges of borrowers are largely abused, but that it would be well, by some special inquiry, to ascertain to what extent if any, the opportunities the Library affords are misused.

There has been a decrease of about 4 per cent. in the circulation of books as compared with that of last year. This loss has been confined almost entirely to the department of fiction. It may to some extent be accounted for by the fact that many of those to whom books are loaned have found more constant employment than for some years past, and have given

less time to reading. It is probable that the comparatively small number of works of fiction we have been able to add to the Library, is also one cause of this falling off. Almost every American novel of any note appears first in some periodical and obtains its largest reading in that form. During the past year or two the best English novels, and many other excellent works, have been reprinted in this country, in very good type and paper, and have been sold for the low price of 10 or 15 cents each. In this form they may be obtained in every village throughout the land, and they have had an enormous sale. Of course this has affected more or less the patronage of every circulating and public Library. Steps have now been taken to supply ourselves with many of the best of these works in a form suited for general use, and we shall soon place a long list of them upon our shelves. It is a matter for congratulation that the circulation of the other departments of the Library has remained about the same as in the preceding year, the decrease only numbering 30 volumes.

The net increase of the Library has been 891 volumes. While there have been no very notable purchases, quite a number of books have been obtained completing works of which we already owned a portion.

The enforced sale of many private Libraries on account of the hard times, has afforded many opportunities for buying first-class books in fine bindings and at very low prices, of which your Committee have availed themselves so far as their means would permit.

Another alcove will be required the coming year in the department of history. This can be supplied during the summer, after the general plan adopted since the reorganization of the Library. The same means will also render more available the Patent Office Reports. These now number some 150 volumes and are much used.

In several of the Reports in past years, your Committee

have brought to your attention the fact, that although our Library is one of the oldest, largest and best endowed of its kind, it is, in many respects, far behind others of more recent date and smaller means. Some recent inquiry and observation lead us to ask your consideration of these facts more urgently than ever before.

Except in the natural increase in the number of books and borrowers, there has been scarcely any change either in our methods or appliances during the 27 years since our Library was first opened. In that period the Public Library system has had its beginning, and its whole developement, and has reached its present position as one of *the* institutions of modern social life.

Our Library was one of the pioneers in this movement.— Among the earlier members of this Committee may be found the name of Mr. Wm. F. POOLE, formerly a resident of our town. This gentleman, successively in the cities of Boston, Cincinnati and Chicago, has been one of the foremost leaders in the organization and administration of Public Libraries.

Speaking from his experience, probably longer in this [field than that of any other person living, he says, “a reading-room is a *necessary adjunct* to a Public Library.” This is to-day our greatest need. The usefulness of our periodicals is extremely limited from the want of the facilities that a reading room affords. They are now marked as 7 day books, and are taken out in the same way as other volumes. If they are retained the length of time allowed, only four persons, or at the most four households, can read one monthly magazine before a new number is published. Periodical literature deals largely with topics of current interest, and one reads its articles for the freshest imformation and discussion. It will readily be seen how its influence is restricted, indeed, almost destroyed, by our methods. The Librarian reports that the circulation of our periodicals is only 3 per cent. of the total. Their number and

range might be increased with great advantage comparatively, and at little expense. If they were made accessible to the public for general reading, they would at once become a most important feature of our Library, and widely extend its good influence.

It is probable that if the books now owned by the Peabody Library were to be destroyed by fire, they could not be replaced for a less sum than \$60,000. Many of them cannot be obtained at any price, and hundreds are worth more to-day than at any former time since their publication. More than \$20,000 have been spent in their purchase during the last 10 years, and these additions form about one-fourth part of the present Library. There is no species of property that is more easily made practically useless by fire and water than books as they are arranged in Public Libraries.

In view of these facts does not some addition to the present insurance of less than \$10,000 seem adequate. It is respectfully suggested that it ought to be for a sum large enough to enable us, in case of loss, to lay a broad foundation for a new Library at once, without encroaching upon the funds for rebuilding, or the general investments for the support of the Institute. The sad experience of the town of Hingham in the loss of their beautiful Library building and its contents, the past year, reminds us that we must contemplate such a contingency. Perhaps the best and in the end the least expensive way would be to place the books in a fire-proof building. The gathering of a Library of 22,000 volumes of the best of English literature is a work of years. With the amplest means it would be a long time before we could replace what a few hours might destroy. If we can, so far as human means permit, put the Library beyond the reach of such a catastrophe it would seem to be a "consummation most devoutly to be wished."

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Lecture Committee.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

The Committee which has had in charge the duty of providing a course of lectures for the past season, has not found the task altogether without difficulty. The fact that the lecture-field has attracted so many pedants and self-styled geniuses, who feel called upon to spread their knowledge before the world, does not relieve the difficulty. Added to this, we were obliged to choose from among those not well known to us. We consequently incurred the risk of success or failure.

Notwithstanding our perplexities, we trust that our endeavors to satisfy the public have not been wholly without avail. We might make mention of several of the lectures as of especial and distinguishing merit. Their excellence is perhaps best attested by the large audiences in attendance at each lecture. Though it stormed on several evenings, yet the hall was often crowded, and always well filled.

The following is the list of lectures for 1879:

Oct. 28, COL. HOMER B. SPRAGUE. Subject:—"Shakespeare's Youth."

Nov. 4, REV. LYMAN ABBOTT, D. D. Subject:—"The Rival Queens (Elizabeth and Mary Stuart,) and the English Reformation."

Nov. 11, PROF. EDWARD S. MORSE. Subject:—"Domestic ways of the Japanese." Illus.

Nov. 18, W. S. ANDREWS. Subject :—“ Dialect Humor.”

Nov. 25, PROF. RICHARD A. PROCTOR. Subject :—“ The Birth and Growth of Worlds.” Illus.

Dec. 2, PROF. RICHARD A. PROCTOR. Subject :—“ The Life and Death of Worlds.” Illus.

Dec. 9, MRS. LAURA E. DAINTY and Miss SETTIE BLUME. Subject :—“ Miscellaneous Readings.”

Dec. 16, PROF. J. L. STODDARD. Subject ;—“ St. Petersburg.” Illus.

Dec. 23, REV. H. G. SPAULDING. Subject :—“ How Pompeii was Destroyed.” Illus.

Dec. 30, PROF. J. L. STODDARD. Subject :—“ Up the Rhine and Among the Alps.” Illus.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N HAM,
Chairman of Lecture Committee.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the condition of the Peabody Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1880.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year is 1172. This includes 46 volumes of bound periodicals and 12 volumes of the new issue of Patent Office Reports, besides 207 volumes of replacements, and 16 volumes of duplicates of works previously reported; making the number of volumes of current and standard literature actually added to the Library, 891.

9 volumes have been presented to the Library as follows:

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| Smithsonian Institution, | 5 volumes. |
| Commissioner of Education, | 2 " |
| Surgeon General, U. S., | 1 " |
| Trustees Newburyport Public Library, | 1 " |

The receipt of some interesting Autograph Letters, the gift of Mr. E. F. BURNHAM, is also to be acknowledged.

The circulation of books during the year was 32,497 volumes. Of these, 73 per cent. consisted of fiction, 5 per cent. travel and description of countries, etc., 3 per cent. history, 4 per cent. biography, 4 per cent. scientific works and books of reference, 2 per cent. books on law, and on mental, moral and social science, 3 per cent. poetry, 3 per cent. magazines, and 3 per cent. miscellaneous, including works in foreign languages, collections of miscellaneous works, etc.

A comparison with the circulation of the previous year reveals some interesting facts in regard to the use of the Library. In the first place, the whole circulation shows a decrease of 4 per cent. from that of the previous year, though greater by 7 per cent. than that of the year ending Feb. 1, 1878. An ex-

amination of the details of the circulation shows that practically the whole decrease is in the department of fiction; in all the other departments taken together, the circulation does not vary more than 30 volumes from that of the previous year, while the number of volumes of fiction circulated has diminished more than 1300. In the departments of history, poetry and science, there is a considerable increase over the circulation of the previous year.

There are now 4,272 names of borrowers on the index book; of these 232 have been added during the year, 228 being new applicants for cards, and 4 being former holders of cards who had not for some time made use of their privilege.

20 copies of the supplementary catalogue have been sold, and 6 copies of the full catalogue, for which the sum of \$14.50 has been received. The amount of fines collected is \$65.75. 318 volumes have been worn out or mutilated, 207 volumes have been replaced, and 466 volumes rebound.

The monthly lists of books are now promptly printed and posted. A list of fiction for the year immediately following the publication of the supplement has been prepared, and the new books are made as accessible to the public as the system of cataloguing will permit. The Librarian would gladly assist in carrying into execution any plan for a public card catalogue, if the Committee deem such a plan feasible. The growing dimensions of the present card catalogue are beginning to demand increased accommodations.

The temporary position given to the new issue of Patent Office Reports has always been inconvenient, owing to the necessity of taking down the heavy volumes from the upper shelves of a case whenever they are to be consulted, and the room assigned to them is no longer adequate; so that some convenient plan of shelving these Reports ought at once to be undertaken. There is also immediate need of a new case of shelves to relieve the pressure of books in the department of history.

THEODORE M. OSBORNE, Librarian.

Report of Committee on Sutton Reference Library.

The Committee having in charge the Eben Dale Sutton Library, submit this, their annual report:

This Library has, during the last year, been consulted by many non-residents who have been unable to find what they sought outside of Boston, and it has also been used to a great extent by our own townspeople.

On account of the unusually expensive accessions to this Library last year, the Committee were unable to make as many additions as they desired, but have been able to continue the former uncompleted set of works published in volumes, parts, or numbers. A full set of the Congressional Globe, and several donations from Mrs. Eliza Sutton, comprise the remainder of the list of books added.

For the Committee,

J. WARREN UPTON.

February 21, 1880.

Books added to the E. D. Sutton Library, 1879-80.

The following books have been added since the printed report of 1879:

Ferns of North America, Prof. Daniel Eaton of Yale College, Parts 12—23.

Encyclopædia Britannica, Vols. 9, 10, Fal—Got., Boston, 1879.

Notes and Queries, Vols. 9—12, 5th series, Dr. Doran, Ed. London, 1878—79.

Bibliotheca Sacra, Vols. 35, 36, E. A. Park and G. E. Day, Eds., Andover, 1878—79.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vols. 32, 33, John Ward Dean, Ed., Boston, 1878—79.

Le Costume Historique, M. A. Racinet, Parts 6, 7, Port Folio.

L'Art, Revue Hebdomadaire Illustrée, A. Ballue, Paris, 1878—79, 4 Vols.

Wild Flowers of America, text by Geo. L. Goodale, M.D., Parts 1—8. Salem, 1879.

Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature, M'Clintock and Strong, Vol. 8, Part—Re., 1879.

Congressional Globe, 1833—1873, Washington, 108 Vols.

New General Atlas, S. Augustus Mitchell, Philadelphia, 1879.

Dictionary of Chemistry, 3rd Supplement, Part, Henry Watts, B. A. London, 1879.

Keramic Art of Japan, Audsley and Bowers, Part 7, Port Folio.

The Antiquities of Denmark, Vol. 2, A. P. Madsen. Copenhagen, 1872.

BOOKS PRESENTED BY MRS. SUTTON.

Illustrated London News, London, 1878, 2 Vols.

Globe Encyclopedia, Vol. 6, She—Tym, John M. Ross, Ed. Boston, 1879.

Presidents of America, John Fiske, Boston and New York. 1879.

131 Volumes and 23 Port Folios

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

Lyceum and Library Committee in account with Frank C. Merrill, Treas.

1879.

| | | Dr. |
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| March | 1, To paid Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | \$97 02 |
| April | 1, " Post Office bill | 1 11 |
| | 1, " T. M. Osborne's bill for services | 250 00 |
| | 5, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 132 86 |
| | 5, " Green & Prescott's bill for books | 3 50 |
| | 8, " C. D. Howard's bill for printing | 18 00 |
| | 8, " A. B. Galloupe's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 8, " A. M. Wilkinson's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 9, " B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery | 60 |
| | 16, " C. C. Hill's bill for services | 9 75 |
| | 19, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 120 31 |
| May | 6, " Jona. Perley's bill for binding | 52 25 |
| | 6, " Essex Institute's bill for books | 2 50 |
| | 23, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 159 40 |
| | 26, " U. S. Patent Office for subscription for 1 year for specifications and drawings | 31 20 |
| June | 7, " C. Schoenhof's bill for books | 34 70 |
| | 28, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 136 07 |
| | 28, " " " bill for books | 93 04 |
| July | 1, " Post Office bill | 97 |
| | 1, " T. M. Osborne's bill for services | 250 00 |
| | 1, " A. B. Galloup's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 1, " A. M. Wilkinson's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 12, " C. C. Hill's bill for services | 9 00 |
| | 12, " D. P. Grosvenor's bill for book | 1 50 |
| | 14, " Munroe & Arnold's bill for expressing | 5 82 |
| | 14, " D. M. Hill's bill for expressing | 4 70 |
| | 21, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 136 74 |
| | 29, " For Mitchell's Atlas | 8 00 |
| | 29, " Jona. Perley's bill for binding | 36 45 |
| Aug. | 4, " A. M. Wilkinson's bill for extra services | 9 00 |
| | 4, " C. C. Hill's bill for extra services | 8 50 |
| | 14, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 120 64 |

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| 14, | " | C. D. Howard's bill for printing | 17 00 |
| 14, | " | W. E. Simonds' bill for services | 11 00 |
| Sept. | 8, | A. K. Allstine's bill for binding | 36 85 |
| | 8, | A. K. Allstine's bill for binding | 29 35 |
| | 8, | A. K. Allstine's bill for binding | 2 42 |
| | 26, | J. N. Ham's bill for expenses in procur- ing lecturers | 4 25 |
| | 26, | Jona. Perley's bill for binding | 73 30 |
| Oct. | 1, | T. M. Osborne's bill for services | 250 00 |
| | 1, | Post Office bill | 3 09 |
| | 1, | C. C. Hill's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 1, | A. M. Wilkinson's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 7, | D. P. Grosvenor's bill for book | 2 00 |
| | 18, | Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 197 65 |
| | 18, | Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 111 76 |
| | 28, | Col. H. B. Sprague's bill for lecture . . . | 50 00 |
| | 5, | W. E. Osgood's bill for services | 1 25 |
| | 5, | Rev. L. Abbott's bill for lecture | 50 00 |
| Nov. | 11, | J. N. Ham's bill for expenses in procur- ing lecturers | 2 50 |
| | 11, | Prof. E. S. Morse's bill for lecture . . . | 50 00 |
| | 15, | Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 196 59 |
| | 18, | W. H. Andrews bill for lecture | 50 00 |
| | 25, | Prof. R. A. Proctor's bill for lecture . . . | 100 00 |
| | 2, | Prof. R. A. Proctor's bill for lecture . . . | 100 00 |
| | 3, | S. E. Cassino's bill for books | 6 00 |
| | 9, | For readings by Mrs. Dainty and Miss Blume | 75 00 |
| | 9, | Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 184 83 |
| | 16, | John L. Stoddard's bill for lecture . . . | 55 00 |
| Dec. | 23, | Rev. H. G. Spaulding's bill for lecture . . | 75 00 |
| | 27, | Jona. Perley's bill for binding | 30 50 |
| | 30, | John L. Stoddard's bill for lecture . . . | 55 00 |
| | 1, | Post Office bill | 50 |
| | 1, | T. M. Osborne's bill for services | 250 00 |
| | 2, | W. H. Osgood's bill for services | 25 00 |
| | 5, | C. Simond's bill for services | 2 00 |
| | 6, | E. Littlefield's bill for police attendance at lectures | 10 00 |
| | 8, | Henry Farnham's bill for police atten- dance at lectures | 10 00 |
| | 12, | B. M. Hill's bill for expressing | 3 95 |
| Jan. | 12, | C. D. Howard's bill for printing | 27 50 |
| | 12, | C. D. Howard's bill printing sc't. lectr's | 14 50 |
| | 14, | O. R. Evans' bill for police attendance | |

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| | | at lectures | 10 00 |
| 14, | " | P. H. Mahoney's bill for services | 10 00 |
| 16, | " | Munroe & Arnold's bill for expressing | 5 65 |
| 24, | " | W. H. Pingree's bill for police attend'ce | 10 00 |
| 24, | " | Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 141 29 |
| 27, | " | B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery | 1 00 |
| Feb. 7, | " | C. C. Hill's bill for services | 25 00 |
| 18, | " | T. M. Osborne's bill for cash paid for incidentals | 4 92 |
| | | Balance | 543 98 |
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| | | | \$4,799 26 |
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| 1879. | | | |
| Feb. | 19, | By Balance | \$219 01 |
| April | 17, | Draft on Trustees | 1,500 00 |
| Aug. | 19, | " " " | 1,500 00 |
| Dec. | 6, | " " " | 1,500 00 |
| Feb. | 13, | Cash from sale of catalogues | 14 50 |
| | 13, | Cash from fines | 65 75 |
| | | | ----- |
| | | | \$4,799 26 |
| | | Balance | 543 98 |

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT:

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| | | Cr. |
| To paid for Books | | \$1,917 60 |
| " " Binding | | 261 12 |
| " " Lectures | | 723 25 |
| " " Librarian | | 1,000 00 |
| " " Librarian's Assistants | | 258 50 |
| " " Printing Library Account | | 62 50 |
| " " Express hire | | 20 12 |
| " " Postage, Stationery and Incidentals | | 12 19 |
| | Balance | 543 98 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$4,799 26 |
| | | Cr. |
| By Balance | | \$219 01 |
| " Drafts on Trustees | | 4,500 00 |
| " Received from Catalogues sold and Fines | | 80 25 |
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| | | \$4,799 26 |
| | Balance | 543 98 |

FRANK C. MERRILL, Treasurer.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

* *Lyceum and Library Committee, in account with Frank C. Merrill, Treas.*

1879.

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| March | 1, To paid B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery | \$ 70 |
| April | 1, " M. J. Floyd's bill for services | 62 50 |
| | 1, " Gas bill | 11 40 |
| | 9, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 212 10 |
| | 9, " B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery | 1 25 |
| May | 16, " Eaton's Ferns, 2 vols | 2 00 |
| June | 6, " Wild Flowers of America | 7 50 |
| | 6, " Eaton's Ferns, 2 vols | 2 00 |
| July | 1, " M. J. Floyd's bill for services | 62 50 |
| | 1, " Gas bill | 6 27 |
| | 12, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 95 65 |
| | 14, " Munroe & Arnold's bill for expressing | 3 80 |
| | 14, " Sanger, Hood & Co's bill for coal | 47 50 |
| Sept. | 8, " C. D. Howard's bill for printing | 6 00 |
| | 22, " Z. G. Mitchell's bill for Indian History | 1 25 |
| | 26, " Eaton's Ferns, Nos. 18 and 19 | 2 00 |
| Oct. | 1, " Gas bill | 4 32 |
| | 2, " M. J. Floyd's bill for services | 62 50 |
| | 4, " J. H. Teague's bill for services, janitor | 50 00 |
| | 4, " I. Hardy's bill for bark | 3 50 |
| | 4, " J. Buckley's bill for charcoal | 6 75 |
| | 9, " Estes & Lauriat's bill for books | 236 00 |
| Dec. | 6, " Eaton's Ferns, Nos 20 and 21 | 2 00 |
| | 17, " Subscription to Notes and Querries for 1880 | 5 75 |
| | 23, " Eaton's Ferns, Nos. 22 and 23 | 2 00 |
| | 23, " Sprague's Wild Flowers of America, 3 volumes | 4 50 |
| 1880. | | |
| Jan. | 1, " M. J. Floyd's bill for services | 62 50 |
| | 1, " Gas bill | 12 15 |
| | 8, " W. F. Draper's bill for Bibliotheca Sa- cra for 1880 | 4 10 |
| | 16, " Munroe & Arnold's bill for expressing | 1 00 |
| | 16, " N. E. Historical and Genealogical Reg- ister for 1880 | 3 00 |

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| 26, | " | M. S. Clark's bill | 2 15 |
| 27, | " | B. F. Stevens' bill for stationery . . . | 2 33 |
| | | Balance | 114 26 |

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| 1879. | | | |
| Feb. | 19, | By Balance | \$103 23 |
| April | 8, | " 6 mos. interest on E. D. Sutton Fund . . . | 500 00 |
| Oct. | 9, | " " " " " . . . | 500 00 |
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| | | | \$1,103 23 |
| | | Balance | 114 26 |

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS.

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| To paid for Books | Dr. | \$579 85 |
| " " Printing | | 6 00 |
| " " Librarian | | 250 00 |
| " " Janitor | | 50 00 |
| " " Fuel and Gas | | 91 89 |
| " " Incidentals | | 11 23 |
| Balance | | 114 26 |

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| By Balance | Cr. | \$103 23 |
| " Income from Eben Dale Sutton Fund | | 1,000 00 |
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| Balance | | \$1,103 23 |
| | | 114 26 |

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